

## Shaping Futures Together

To: Dr. Donna Leake  
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### Virtual Field Trips:

- Grade 4 and grade 5 students continue to work with EastConn on an inter-district collaboration project aimed at bringing diverse groups together over a common theme. This collaboration project will continue through the spring.

Virtual field trips through CILC:

Zion National Park	Carving the Canyons	04-06-2021	Grade 4
Author Valerie Marsh	Earth Day Action Science: Dissect a Happy Meal! Make a Trash Troll!	04-15-2021	Grade K/1
Whiskeytown National Recreation Center	Whiskeytown and the Northern Diggins	04-27-2021	Grade 4
Center for Puppetry Arts	Native Americans	5-4-2021	Grade 4
Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center	Egg-Citing Animals and Egg-Speriments	5-13-2021	Kindergarten

### Eastford Readiness Program:

The Readiness Program has 14 students enrolled. Mrs. Kopplin continues to plan virtual family and transition events for the spring. Registration is open for next school year. There seems to be an increased interest in the program.

### Eastford Readiness Council Update:

The Council will meet next on April 6. They plan to discuss the registration process, space allocations and grant stipulations for priority enrollment. They will also discuss the Quality Enhancement (QE) portion of the Readiness grant that is up for renewal.

### Professional Development:

- Mrs. Kopplin will continue to participate in EastConn's virtual professional learning community, sponsored by the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) and EastConn. This group meets on a monthly basis.

- I continue to work with EastConn staff on a weekly basis to develop our “Portrait of an Eastford Learner” and to work on a strategic improvement plan.
- Mrs. Lessard will attend the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Teaching and Learning with iPads, Chromebooks, and Cloud-Based Computing Conference on May 12 sponsored by NEAG School of Education.

### **Community and Other Events:**

- High school acceptances are listed below. Students are working with Ms. Murana, high school counselors and families to register for classes.

8 students plan to attend The Woodstock Academy – no acceptance required

2 students plan to attend QMC – acceptance confirmed

2 students plan to attend Ellis Tech – acceptance confirmed

2 students plan to attend E. O. Smith – acceptance confirmed

2 students plan to attend Killingly VoAg – acceptance confirmed

- QVJC league continues to explore the viability of holding a spring track season. There are some complications in securing enough tracks to use as only two teams may compete at a time.
- Mr. Tomanelli, Mr. Vaughan and Mrs. Reynolds have been working with interested middle school students on a mini-musical called “Math Rocks.” Videos and pictures of students from all classrooms will be showcased in the production. The group should be ready to share their virtual performance in April. All families will be invited to attend.
- On March 30, students in the 2/3 classroom were invited to virtually attend with Andover School for an author talk with Janet Lawler about her book, Snowzilla. A copy of this book was also donated to the 2/3 classroom by Dr. Leake.
- Mrs. Lessard has partnered with Junior Achievement to provide a series of lessons to students in grades 7 and 8 titled, *Economic Success*. The students are learning a great deal from this virtual series!
- PTO will hold a spring fundraiser – their **Active-A-Thon** will be held from April 18-May 8. More details will be shared with families soon.
- PTO will host the Scholastic Book Fair from May 3 to May 7. This will be in-person with an option to also shop online.